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Attorney Docket No. P29227**Mail Stop Amendment**

Applicant : Shoji NIKI Group Art Unit : Not Yet Assigned

Appl. No. : 10/567,446 (U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP2004/011493)

I.A. Filed : August 4, 2004 Examiner : Not Yet Assigned

For : PHOTOMETER

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Preliminary Amendment** in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.
- No additional fee is required.

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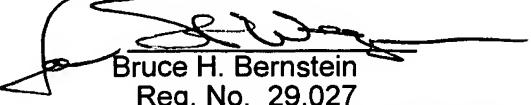
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Sir:

Prior to an examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the Abstract, as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this Preliminary Amendment.